



Federal Groundfish and Associated Fisheries Closed Dec. 8, 2003

Recreational fishing for federally managed groundfish is now closed from 3-200 nautical miles off California*, with the exception of sanddabs. Commercial fishing is now closed for federally managed groundfish in waters from 0-150 fathoms.

Exceptions: 1) Commercial trawl fishing is closed from 0-200 fathoms, and

2) Commercial fixed-gear sanddab fishery is open in all waters. See [Federal Register](#) for petrale sole exceptions, and gear restrictions.

Groundfish includes finfish species managed by the Pacific Coast Groundfish Plan (federal), as defined in Amendment 11, October 1998. Take of the following species is prohibited:

Flatfishes

arrowtooth flounder, *Atheresthes stomias*

butter sole, *Isopsetta isolepis*

California halibut, *Paralichthys californicus* (State-managed species; commercial trawl fishery closed)

curlfin sole, *Pleuronichthys decurrens*

Dover sole, *Microstomus pacificus*

English sole, *Parophrys vetulus*

flathead sole, *Hippoglossides elassodon*

Pacific sanddab, *Citharichthys sordidus* (Commercial and recreational fixed-gear fisheries remain open. See [Federal Register](#) for details.)

petrale sole, *Eopsetta jordani* (Commercial trawl fishery remains open; see [Federal Register](#) for details)

rex sole, *Glyptocephalus zachirus*

rock sole, *Lepidotsetta bilineata*

sand sole, *Psettichthys melanostictus*

starry flounder, *Platichthys stellatus*

Grenadiers

Pacific rattail, *Coryphaenoides acrolepis*

Morids

finescale codling, *Antimora microlepis*

Ratfish

ratfish, *Hydrolagus colliei*

Rockfish complex

Per federal definition, all genera and species of the family Scorpaenidae that occur off Washington, Oregon and California are included, even if not listed below. The Scorpaenidae genera are *Sebastodes* (rockfishes), *Scorpaena*, *Scorpaenodes* (scorpionfishes), and *Sebastolobus* (thornyheads).

Scorpionfish

California scorpionfish, *Scorpaena guttata*¹

Rockfishes, Nearshore

black rockfish, *Sebastodes melanops*¹

blue rockfish, *S. mystinus*¹

calico rockfish, *S. dallii*¹

China rockfish, *S. nebulosus*¹

gopher rockfish, *S. carnatus*¹

kelp rockfish, *S. atrovirens*¹

olive rockfish, *S. serranoides*¹

black-and-yellow rockfish, *S. chrysomelas*¹

brown rockfish, *S. auriculatus*¹

copper rockfish, *S. caurinus*

grass rockfish, *S. rastrelliger*¹

quillback rockfish, *S. maliger*¹

treefish, *S. serriceps*

¹ Species managed by the state in state waters (0-3 nautical miles from shore), and by federal agencies in federal waters (3-200 nautical miles from shore)

* Federal waters closed; fisheries for rockfish, lingcod, scorpionfish, cabezon and greenlings closed in state waters until further notice. Check the Marine Region's web site (www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd) regularly for the latest information.

Rockfishes, Shelf

boccacio, *Sebastes paucispinis*
bronzespotted rockfish, *S. gilli*
canary rockfish, *S. pinniger*
chilipepper, *S. goodei*
cowcod, *S. levis*
dusky rockfish, *S. ciliatus*
flag rockfish, *S. rubrivinctus*
greenblotched rockfish, *S. rosenblatti*
greenspotted rockfish, *S. chlorostichthus*
greenstriped rockfish, *S. elongatus*
harlequin rockfish, *S. variegatus*
honeycomb rockfish, *S. umbrosus*
Mexican rockfish, *S. macdonaldi*
pink rockfish, *S. eos*

redstripe rockfish, *S. proriger*
rosethorn rockfish, *S. helvomaculatus*
rosy rockfish, *S. rosaceous*
shortbelly rockfish, *S. jordani*
silvergrey rockfish, *S. brevispinis*
speckled rockfish, *S. ovalis*
squarespot rockfish, *S. hopkinsi*
starry rockfish, *S. constellatus*
stripetail rockfish, *S. saxicola*
tiger rockfish, *S. nigrocinctus*
vermillion rockfish, *S. miniatus*
widow rockfish, *S. entomelas*
yelloweye rockfish, *S. ruberrimus*
yellowtail rockfish, *S. flavidus*

Rockfishes, Slope

aurora rockfish, *Sebastes aurora*
bank rockfish, *S. rufus*
blackgill rockfish, *S. melanostomus*
darkblotched rockfish, *S. crameri*
Pacific ocean perch, *S. alutus*

rougheye rockfish, *S. aleutianus*
sharpchin rockfish, *S. zacentrus*
redbanded rockfish, *S. babcocki*
shortraker rockfish, *S. borealis*
splitnose rockfish, *S. diploproa*
yellowmouth rockfish, *S. reedi*

Thornyheads

longspine thornyhead, *Sebastolobus altivelis*
shortspine thornyhead, *Sebastolobus alascanus*

Roundfish

cabezon, *Scorpaenichthys marmoratus*¹ (recreational and commercial fisheries previously closed)
kelp greenling, *Hexagrammos decagrammus*¹ (recreational and commercial fisheries prev. closed)
rock greenling, *Hexagrammos lagocephalus* (state-managed species; fisheries previously closed)
lingcod, *Ophiodon elongatus*
Pacific cod, *Gadus macrocephalus*
Pacific whiting, *Merluccius productus*
sablefish, *Anoplopoma fimbria*

Sharks

leopard sharks, *Triakis semifasciata*
soupfin sharks, *Galeorhinus zyopterus*
spiny dogfish, *Squalus acanthias*

Skates

big skate, *Raja binoculata*
California skate, *Raja inornata*
longnose skate, *Raja rhina*

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